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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Pursuant to the decision of the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") on February 4, 2011, M & G Polymers USA, LLC ("M&G") hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in the hearing to be held on June 22, 2011 in the above-captioned proceeding. Fred J. Fournier, the Global Marketing and Sales Director, will present testimony on behalf of M&G. Mr. Fournier intends to address the difficulties faced by M&G in navigating a rail industry where competition is the exception. In particular, Mr. Fournier will describe the increased rail rates experienced by M&G, the railroads' refusals to compete, and the harmful effect of this lack of competition on economic activity both in local areas and in the U.S. as a whole. M&G requests fifteen (15) minutes for Mr. Fournier's testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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